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CROW'S NEST



RARE BEVO EMBROIDERED U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER RATING BADGES OF WWII

THIS TYPE OF FLAT EMBROIDERY IS LIKE THAT USED ON MANY WWII GERMAN CLOTH ITEMS

CONSTRUCTION BATTALIONS 1st CLASS

UNAUTHORIZED CB IN A DIAMOND - ONLY AUTHORIZED
CB WAS BLOCK LETTERS USED MAY-DEC 1942



CHIEF MOTOR MACHINIST'S MATE 1942-1948

THE RIGHT CORNER HAS BEEN TURNED OUT TO
SHOW THE MANUFACTURE DATE OF 1942



SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR ROHDE

IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SELECT THIS ISSUE'S COVER, SO WE WENT WITH THESE RARE RATINGS.
WE WISH TO THANK STEVE AND HIS WIFE, AND THE REST OF YOU WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS
PUBLICATION. TO ENSURE FUTURE ISSUES, PLEASE SEND IN YOUR INTERESTING ITEMS.

STEVE ROHDE WOULD LIKE TO CORRESPOND WITH ANYONE WHO HAS THESE RARE P.O.s IN THEIR COLLECTION.



FIVE STAR EMBROIDERERS

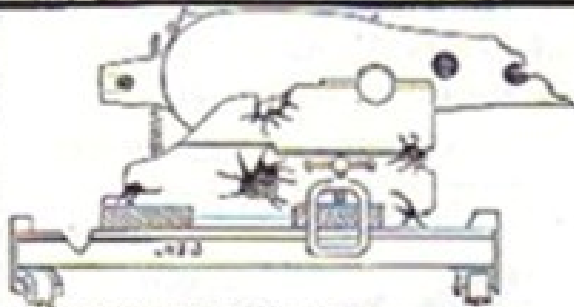
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SIALKOT-1 PAKISTAN

MANUFACTURERS & EXPORTERS:

ALL KINDS OF HAND EMBROIDERED BADGES, EMBLEMS, MONOGRAMS, BANNERS, INSIGNIAS, FLAGS, CRESTS, SHOULDERS BOARDS FOR ARMY, NAVY/AIR FORCE, HOTELS & CLUBS, CAP & POCKET BADGES, EMBROIDERED WITH GOLD / SILVER WIRE AND SILK THREAD.

A. @ M

PROPRIETOR
(ABDUL GADDOUS)



APPEARANCE OF INDICE GUY FOLLOWS BY THE
"GENDRAIL"



DESIGNED BY BRADSHAW TALKS FROM A PHOTOGRAPH BY
PATRICIA BOWEN

DECATUR, STEPHEN (1779-1804), was one of the most daring officers in the United States Navy during its early years. He is remembered for his motto: "Our country. In her interests with foreign nations may she always be right; but our country, right or wrong." Handsome, brave, and honorable, Decatur enjoyed great popularity with his men and with the public. He was one of a group of men who established the naval traditions of the United States. Others were John Barry, John Paul Jones, David Porter, Oliver Hazard Perry, Thomas Macdonough, and Isaac Hull.

Decatur was born in a log cabin at Sincennes, Md., on Jan. 5, 1779. He made his first long voyage at the age of eight, when he went to France on a ship commanded by his father, a merchant captain. He became a midshipman in 1798 during the naval war with France, and rose to lieutenant in 1799. Given command of the *Enterprise* during the war with Tripoli, he captured an enemy vessel that was named the *Isopid*. In this ship he led a picked band into Tripoli harbor on the night of Feb. 16, 1804, and set fire to the frigate *Philadelphia*, once commanded by his father, which the Tripoli pirates had captured. Not a man was killed and only one was wounded. The English Admiral Horatio Nelson called this exploit, "the most bold and daring act of the age." Because of this act of bravery, Decatur won a sword from Congress and a captaincy when he was only 25.

Commanding a squadron of three ships in the War of 1812, he captured the British frigate *Macedonian* after a desperate struggle. He became a commodore in 1815, and took command of a squadron in New York harbor. He attempted to run the British blockade early in 1815, but his flagship, the *Pomona*, struck on the bar at Sandy Hook and was damaged. He was forced into a fight against heavy odds. Wounded, he had to surrender. The British sent him to Bermuda as a prisoner of war, but he was soon released.



He next sailed against Algiers, Tunis, and Tripoli, where he forced the rulers to release United States ships and prisoners and to stop molesting U.S. vessels. On his return he became a navy commissioner. Suspended Commodore James Barron, at whose court-martial Decatur had presided, challenged him to a duel in 1805. Decatur was killed by the commodore near Bladensburg, Md. Barron had accused a group of officers, headed by Decatur, of plotting to kill him.

SUBMITTED BY STEPHEN DECATUR RHOE



WWI Wound Badge
(German)



WWI Sub Badge (German)

ILLUSTRATOR DRAFTSMAN STRIKER (DM)



U.S.C.G.
Senior Chief
Marine Science
Technician (E-8)

D.F.S.



WILLIAM KNICKERBOCKER VAN
RUYPHEN
1840-1921



MARINE CORPS EMBLEM



ADJUT. & INSP.



PAYMASTER



QUARTERMASTER



SERGEANT



BAND LEADER



SIGNAL CORPS



CANNON



MASTER SGT.



SGT.



BAND LEADER



SGT.



FIRST SGT.



STAFF SGT.



PLATOON SGT.



SERGEANT



SERGEANT



SERGEANT



SERGEANT



Stephen Decatur, Jr. (1779-1820)

QUARTERMASTER 1st CLASS (1895) #43



U.S.C.O.
Master Chief
Photo Journalist
(E-9)

D.F.S.

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These are all Royal Thai Navy & Marine Corps "SCUBA" qualification badges. The course is open to all Thai forces, so you can find Army personnel who also wear this badge. All Thai Marines have to qualify these badges and yet, many U.S. dealers sell this as a Thai submarine badge! IT IS NOT!!! The Royal Thai Navy has NO submarines.

All of these badges have shields of red white and blue color and white anchors and the first two have as their background, the color black, while on the third patch down, the background is light olive and yellow waves; sharks are all white in colour.

The third badge down has a shield with a white top on it, all machine embroidery on these three patches. As to the fourth badge, this is probably a jeweler's manufactured for a senior officer most likely! It has a separately mounted pair of silver dolphins and anchor & shield; it has gold metal waves on it. The shield enameled in red-white-blue-white-red, same colours that are on the patches also!

I have purchased all of these badges myself about ten years ago at Sattahip Naval Base, the Thai Navy's main base. Other variations exist, including a "subdued" version in black thread on olive-



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MMZ MERCHANT MARINE BLAZER PATCH :
Two yellow stars, wreath and anchor
on blue shield with letters "MM" in
blue.



NAVY WAR CORRESPONDENT :
Yellow anchor, lettering
and rope on black circle.



U.S.M.S. TRAINING STATION :
Red sky, blue sea, white ship
and lettering and rope border
with black outer border. MMZ:



UNITED STATES MARITIME SERVICE
Red lettering, anchors, shield
and rope on black rectangle.





Submitted by CMSgt. John J. Walker USAF (Ret.)



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Emblemas y distintivos de los Cuerpos de Sanidad, Cruz Roja y Caballeros de Colón de los Estados Unidos

Sanidad: 1, gorra; 2, cuello; 3, 4, 5, 6 y 7, mangas de maquinista de estación, piloto, maquinista naval, cocinero mayor y enfermero. — *Cruz Roja:* 8, gorra; 9 y 10, bocamangas de Mayor general y Coronel; 11, hombrera; 12, individuo indígena; 13, individuo alienígena. — *Caballeros de Colón:* 14, cuello; 15, manga



THE UNIFORMS OF THE UNITED STATES NAVY

By Captain James C. Tily describes and shows these three seaman's jackets, on pages 77 (illustration), 87 (illustration), 94, 115, 154 (illustration) and 193.

Page 77 shows an 1830 painting that is of a Navy Lieutenant, with a seaman's jacket being worn by the Helmsman that is right behind the Lieutenant. There are eight buttons in two rows each and nine buttons on the cuffs, three horizontal and six vertical.

On page 87 is a seaman standing alone, he has twelve buttons in two rows each and six on each cuff placed vertically with a pair of crossed fouled anchors, on his right sleeve, Boatswain's Mate? The grandfatherly old salt on page 154 is wearing two rows of 8 buttons each. Buttons do not appear on his cuffs?



1830 SEAMAN'S JACKET



1841 SEAMAN'S JACKET



1865 SEAMAN'S JACKET

ARMY TRANSPORTATION CORPS

Dave Collar sent in a ATC shoulder mark for a Lieutenant. NOTE: U.S. Army's winged wheel inside ship's wheel for steering. These were worn by the officers of the Army's own Navy in World War Two.

Sarge



USMC CHIEF WARRANT OFFICER
RANK BAR - MARINE GUNNER - PAY
CLERK - QUARTERMASTER CLERK
10 JUNE 1920 - 21 OCT 1943
(GOLD BAR WITH BLUE ENAMELED BREAK)



MINIATURE MARINE PILOT WINGS
 SIZE 30mm - UNAUTHORIZED 1934

GOLD MARINE AVIATION WING WITH
SILVER MARINE CORPS DEVICE OVERLAY
WORN ON OFFICER'S GARRISON CAR
WHITE MESS DRESS, EVENING DRESS, AND
TROPICAL SHIRT - TWO POST SCREW BACK

LIFE MAGAZINE (Sept. 1941)



ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT WHERE SHOWN OTHERWISE

NAVAL INSIGNIA

They imagine double work and jobs. There is the first line before you work on the left hand. After you, there are additional detaching models, down to the bottom. In second and third lines are various

insignia were on cuff and shoulder. The red and specialty marks were inside petty officer's rating badge (vertical strip of eight), which is worn at top of sleeve. In uniform below, M stands for male.



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Thailand



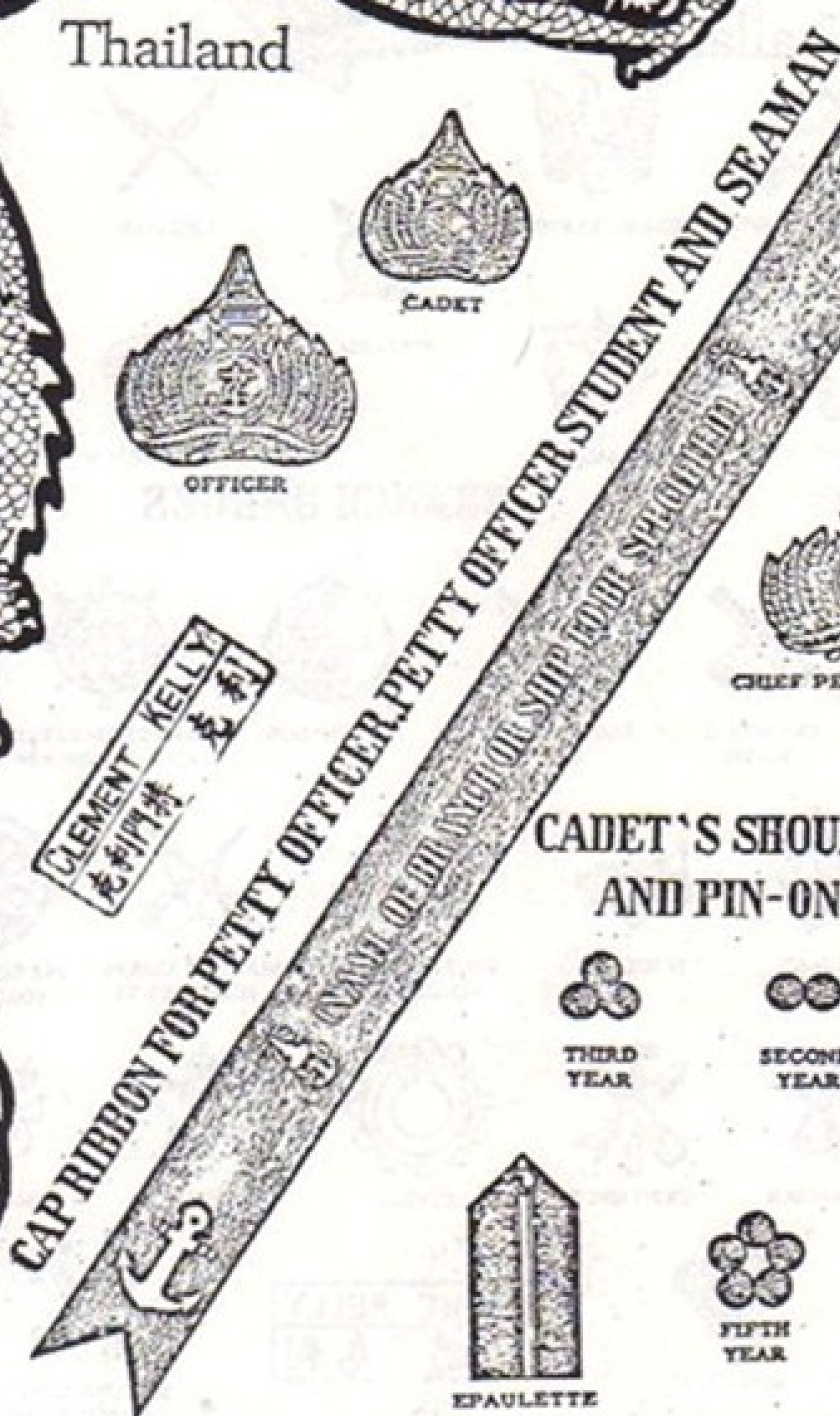
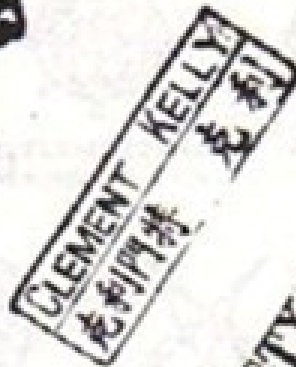
CADET



OFFICER



CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



CADET'S SHOULDER MARK AND PIN-ON DEVICES



THIRD
YEAR



SECOND
YEAR



FIRST
YEAR



EPAULETTE



FIFTH
YEAR



FOURTH
YEAR

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RADARMAN



TELEGRAPHIST



YEOMAN



DISBURSING
CLERK



SONARMAN



ELECTRICIAN



LABORATORY



SUPPLY



LEGAL

BRANCH BADGES



GUNNER'S
MATE



TORPEDOMAN'S
MATE



MINEMAN



QUARTERMASTER
AND COXSWAIN



SIGNALMAN



BUGLER



ENGINEERING
MECHANIC



MARINE CORPS
(INFANTRY)



MARINE CORPS
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ELECTRICIAN



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CLEMENT KELLY
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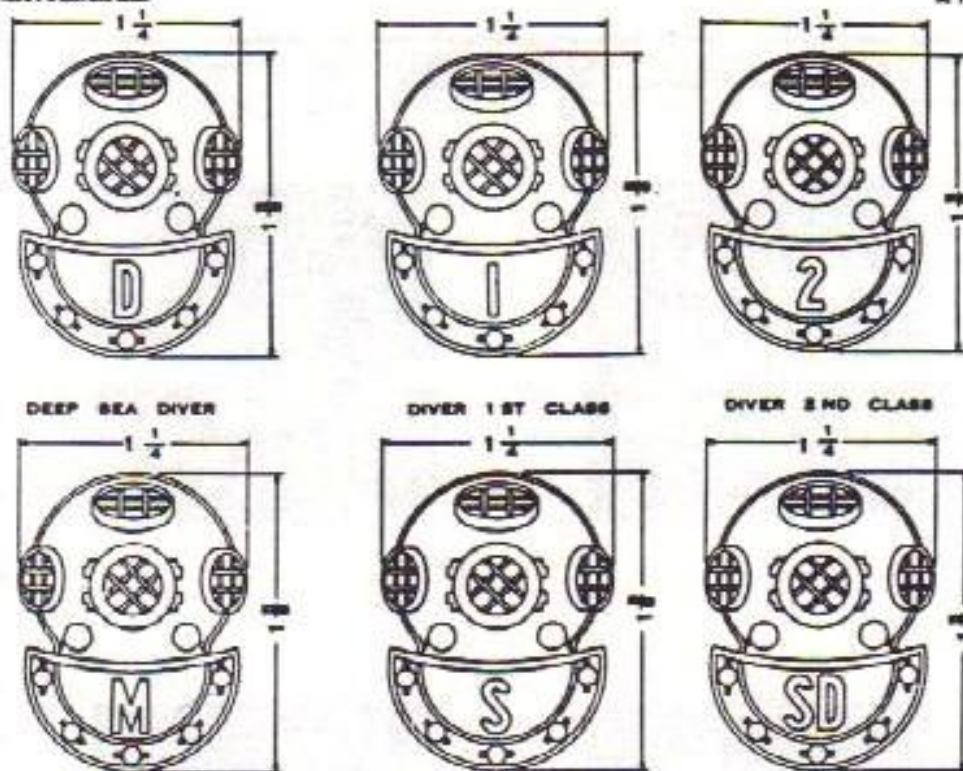


MARINE CORPS
(ENGINEER)

ARMY AND NAVY UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA by Col. Dion Williams
 Frederick A. Stokes Company Publishers N.Y. (1918) p.175



- U. S. Coast Guard. Warrant officers' collar insignia
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|------------------|--------------|
| 1. Master's Mate | 2. Keeper |
| 3. Boatswain | 4. Gunner |
| 5. Carpenter | 6. Machinist |



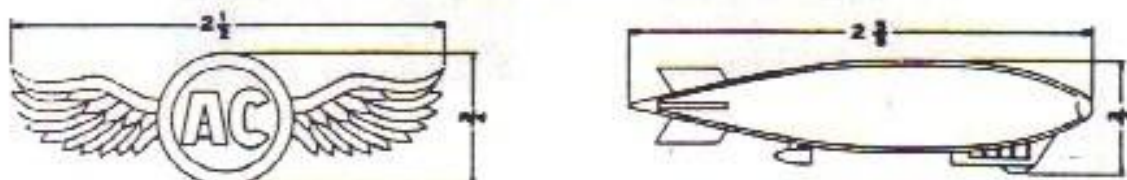
MASTER DIVER

SALVAGE DIVER

SCUBA DIVER

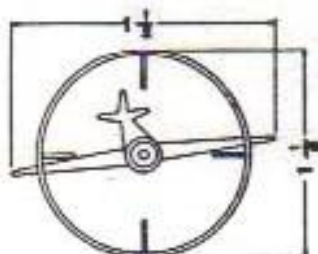
NOTE: ILLUSTRATION IS FOR DIMENSIONS ONLY. FOR CORRECT DESIGN AND PROPER STITCH EXECUTION REFER TO THE APPLICABLE STITCH ENLARGEMENT. UNLESS OTHERWISE SPECIFIED ALL DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES.

FIGURE 17 - TYPE III - DISTINGUISHING MARK

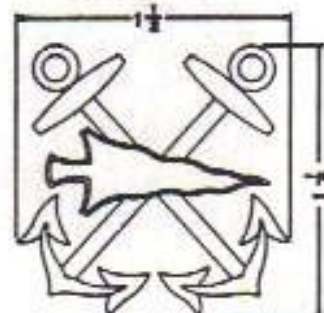


AIRCREWMAN

AIRSHIP



ANTI-AIRCRAFT
MACHINE GUNNER



ASSAULT BOAT
COXSWAIN

FIGURE 16 - TYPE III - DISTINGUISHING MARK



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Waterman
STEAMSHIP CORPORATION

MENU

"Chef's Specials"

B.A.P. LOBITOS

This is a decal. It has a black inner and outer border and white ring on the inside w/red letters and anchors. A cat-like figure in brown w/white detailing, wearing a red cap with "159" in blue & a blue & white sailing vessel, etc



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I bought these decals in a
Naval tailor shop in Callao.
They are supposed to be affixed
to white ceramic tiles and baked
on to make unit wall plaques.
They had only one piece that
had been finished, for
Naval Aviation, and I
have it on display.

C.V. Kelly
CHIEF OFFICER



MASTER-AT-ARMS

A blue eagle, star and chevrons on white background. David F. Sullivan, Jr. (U.S.M.C.)



FLEET MARINE FORCE RATE

CPO Radioman (1942) with red chevrons, silver crow & striker on Marine Green. D.F.S.



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Specialty Marks. Specialty marks are insignia worn on the rating badge centered between the eagle's talons and the upper chevron. They indicate the rating of the wearer.



Aerographer's Mate



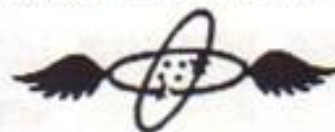
Aviation Electrician's Mate



Aviation Fire Control Technician



Air Controlman



Aviation Electronics Technician



Aviation Machinist's Mate



Aviation Boatswain's Mate



Photographic Intelligenceman

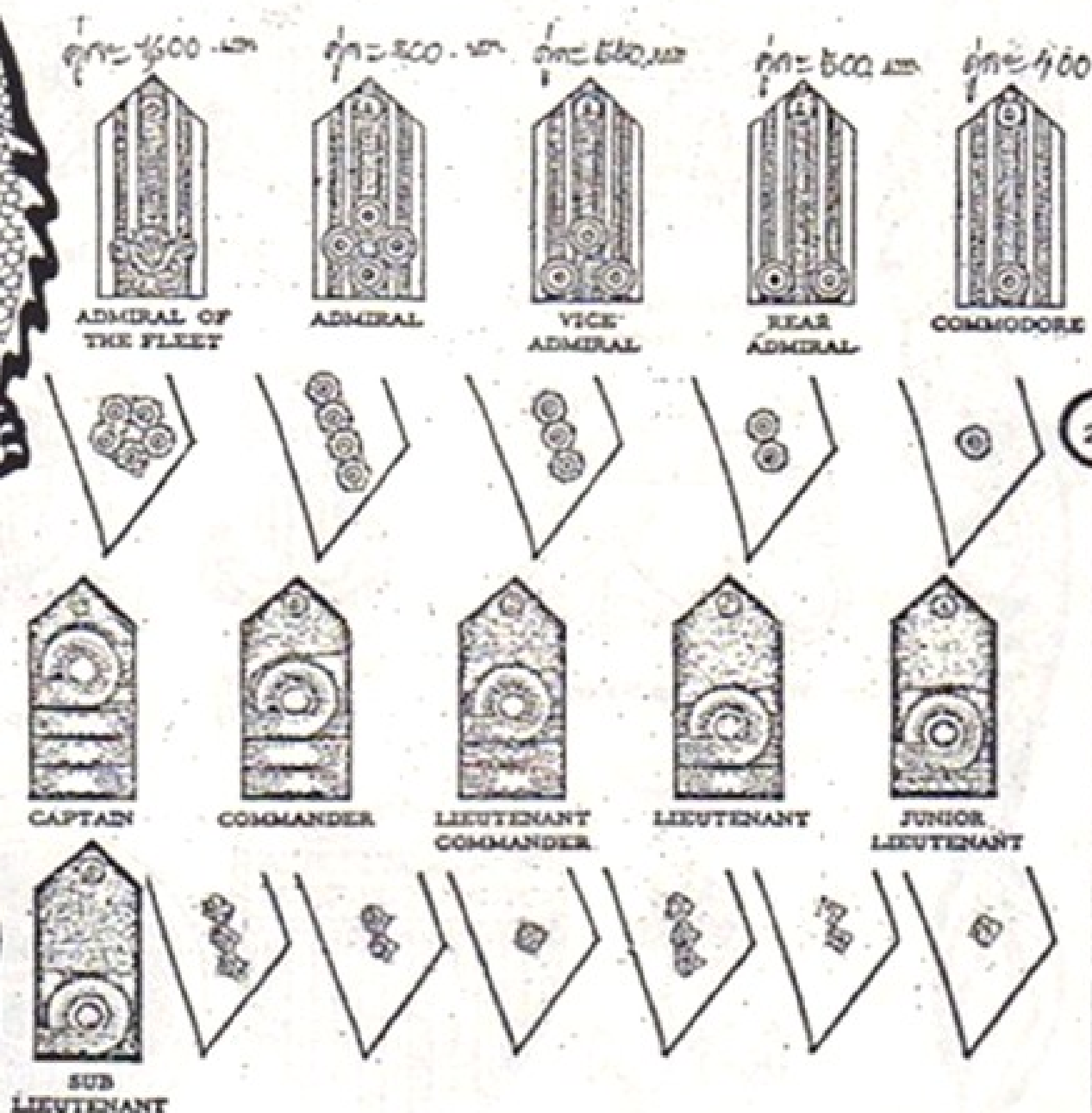


Aviation Ordnanceman

Enlisted Specialty Marks. (See also Aviation and Data Systems at end of section.)

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OFFICER'S SHOULDER MARK AND PIN-ON DEVICES

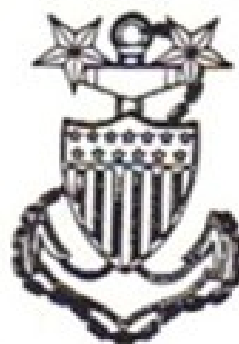


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Commissioned Officer
Cap Badge



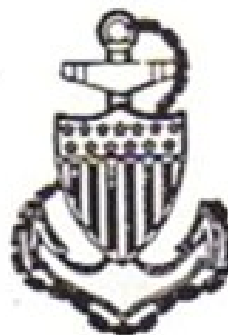
Master C.P.O.
(E-9)



Senior C.P.O.
(E-8)



W.O. 1 Cap Badge



Chief Petty
Officer (E-7)



E. M. Cap Badge



Midshipmen Cap



Button

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UNIFORMS AND INSIGNIA

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Aviation Storekeeper



Aviation Structural Mechanic



Boatwain's Mate



Boilermaker



Boilerman



Builder



Construction Electrician



Damage Controlman



Dental Technician



Disbursing Clerk



Illustrator Draftsman



Equipment Operator



Engineman



Fire Control Technician



Missile Technician



Gunner's Mate



Hospital Corpsman



I. C. Electrician



Commissaryman



Electrician's Mate



Instrumentman



Communications Technician



Electronics Technician



Journalist

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THE PETTY OFFICER'S GUIDE



Lithographer



Opticalman



Quartermaster



Machine Accountant

Aircrew Survival
Equipmentman

Radarman



Machinery Repairman



Patternmaker



Radioman



Machinist's Mate



Personnelman



Ship's Serviceman



Construction Mechanic



Photographer's Mate



Steelworker



Shipfitter



Postal Clerk



Steward



Mineman



Signalman

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RATING DEVICES OF CHIEF PETTY OFFICER STUDENT AND SEAMAN

CHIEF PETTY OFFICER



FIRST
CLASS



SECOND
CLASS



THIRD
CLASS

→ 160.47

PETTY OFFICER



FIRST
CLASS



SECOND
CLASS



THIRD
CLASS



FIRST
CLASS



SECOND
CLASS

SEAMAN



Thailand



Chinese Navy Rating Badges.

NATIONALIST CHINA (Taiwan) MARINE CORPS



長官士等一隊戰陸
Sergeant Major



長官士等二隊戰陸
Master Sergeant



長官士等三隊戰陸
Sgt. 1st Class

Staff Sergeant

Sergeant

Corporal



士上隊戰陸



士中隊戰陸



士下隊戰陸



兵等上隊戰陸
Private



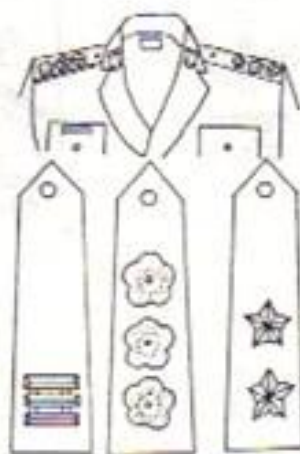
兵等一隊戰陸
Pvt. 1st Class



兵等二隊戰陸
Pvt. 2nd Class

圖帶佩級階科官隊戰陸軍海

說明：一、肩章鈕扣：金黃色金屬質料。
 二、兵科階級：金黃色金屬質料。
 三、階級型式及佩帶：如圖。



尉上校上將中

附圖四 各軍種軍官階級標識型式



隊戰陸 軍海



官將

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Accident
Prevention



Accountant



Corpsman



Electrician



Electronics



Gunnery



Gunnery
Electrician



Hydrometry



Internal
Messenger



Logistics



Mechanic



Mechanic/Oiler



Mechanical
Draftsman

SOUTH VIET-NAMESE
NAVY TRADE BADGES

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Meteorology



Mineman



Musician



Photography



Political Warfare



Radarman



Radioman



Ship's Pilot



Sonarman



Storekeeper



Survey



Torpedoman



Transport



Yeoman

South Vietnamese
Navy Trade Badge

ILLUSTRATOR-DRAFTSMAN (DM) REVISITED:

Tom Hise of Virginia Beach, Virginia was kind enough to photocopy this splendid rate and send us a copy of it to share with our readers. Rather than crop this photocopy to be able to add other illustrations, it was decided to show it in its entirety!!! The eagle is silver bullion with a black thread eye and has a red tongue. A triangle and compass also in silver bullion below eagle's feet and perch. Chevrons are gold, all on navy-blue background.

U.S. NAVY RATING BADGES. SPECIALTY MARKS. DISTINGUISHING MARKS: 1885-1982 by John

A. Stacey (Page 30) describes this rate. Insignia created in 1948. Former insignia was an open diamond, with letter "T" for Teacher (Draftsman), which was changed to letter "I" (Engineering Draftsman), etc. This is supposed to be a common rate I'm told!

Category 5? I'd rate this rate as in category 4 (Uncommon) as I found few offered!

I've never this in a SCDM (E-8) or in the MDM (E-9) versions? Nor in khaki sun-tan for that matter? Tom sent this photocopy, first CPO in blue I'd seen for that matter!

John C. Helvey has it in his catalogue, but no more 5 types which were offered and if a well-founded supplier like Helvey few, who would offer as many a variety or more?

Point is, some things are not common as one could hope they'd be! Rates are collected a lot more now than for many years past, this means we must expect to pay today's price, not yesterday's! The military is shrinking it's size, a fact!!! New collectors will I suspect, collect Navy as well! Sarge



#10



CHIEF BOATSWAIN & CHIEF GUNNER
LINE STAR & BROKEN 1/2" STRIPE
1905 - 1913

SUBMITTED BY
STEPHEN DECATUR RONDE



ADMIRAL OF THE NAVY
NOTE STARS POINT OUTBOARD
CIRCA 1905 - 1922



LT(JG) SUPPLY CORPS
WHITE CLOTH BETWEEN STRIPES
8 MAY 1899 - 16 NOV 1918

REAR ADMIRAL (Circa 1922-1941)



CORPS OF NAVAL CONSTRUCTORS

13 MARCH 1863 - 25 JUNE 1940



NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR
LT(JG) SHOULDER MARK
1922 - 1940



LT. JOHN A. LORD (CC) USN RETIRED
(ON LOAN TO THE MARITIME COMMISSION DURING WWII)
HE IS STILL WEARING SHOULDER MARKS OF THE
NAVAL CORPS OF CONSTRUCTORS AFTER THE CORPS
WAS ABOLISHED 25 JUNE 1940.



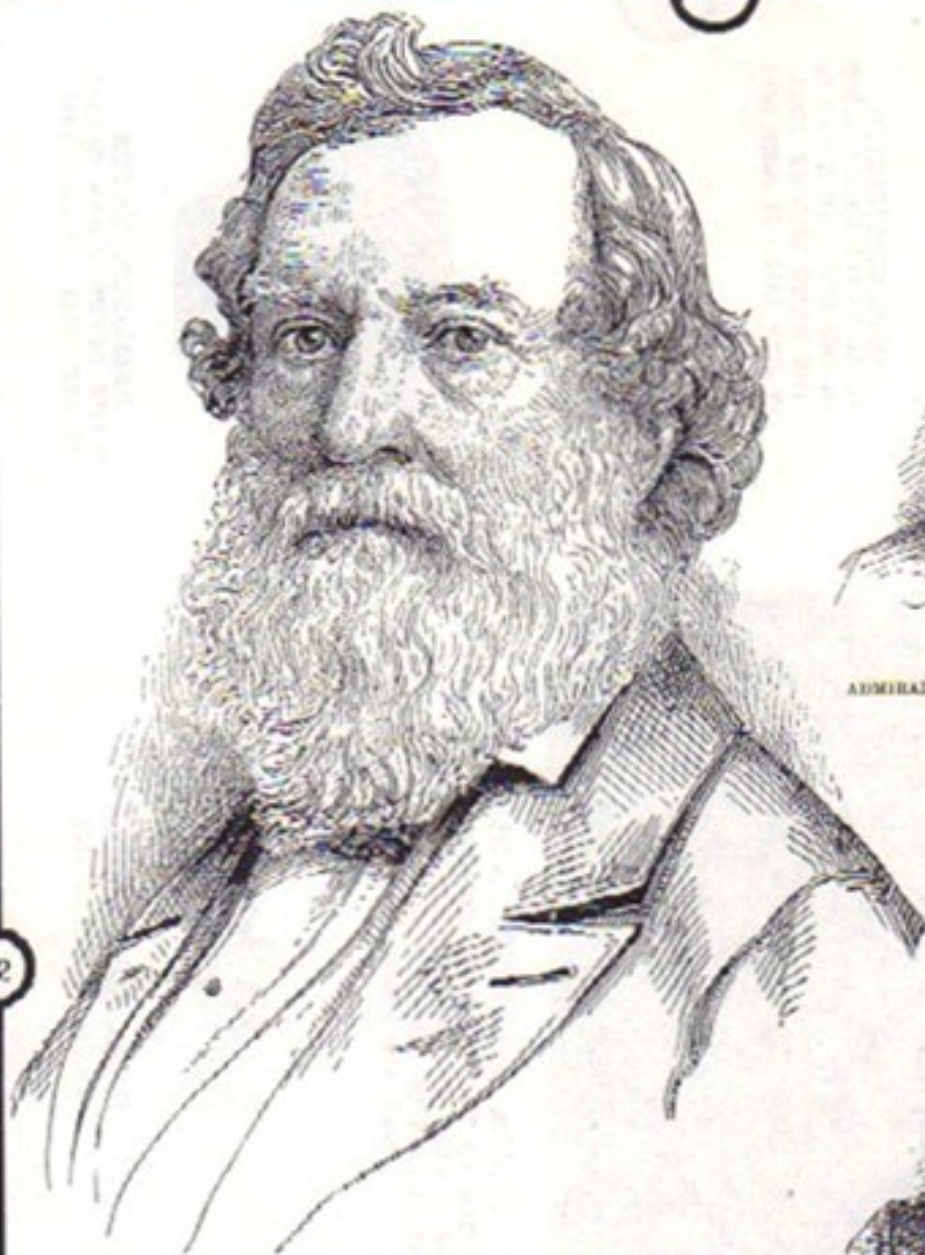
NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR
SHIRT COLLAR DEVICE



NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR
METAL CORPS DEVICE WORN
ON THE SHOULDER STRAP OF
THE WHITE SERVICE COAT
18 JULY 1912 - 24 JUNE 1913



NAVAL CONSTRUCTOR
CORPS DEVICE LOWER SLEEVE
20 SEPT 1922 - 25 JUNE 1940



HON. GIDEON WELLES, SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, 1861-69.



ADMIRAL'S SECRETARY, CHARLES F. PORTER (NOW FIRST LIEUTENANT U. S. MARINE CORPS).



LIEUT. SAMUEL W. PRESTON OF ADMIRAL PORTER'S STAFF.
(KILLED IN THE ASSAULT ON FORT FISHER).



LIEUTENANT (NOW CAPTAIN) GEORGE H. PERKINS.



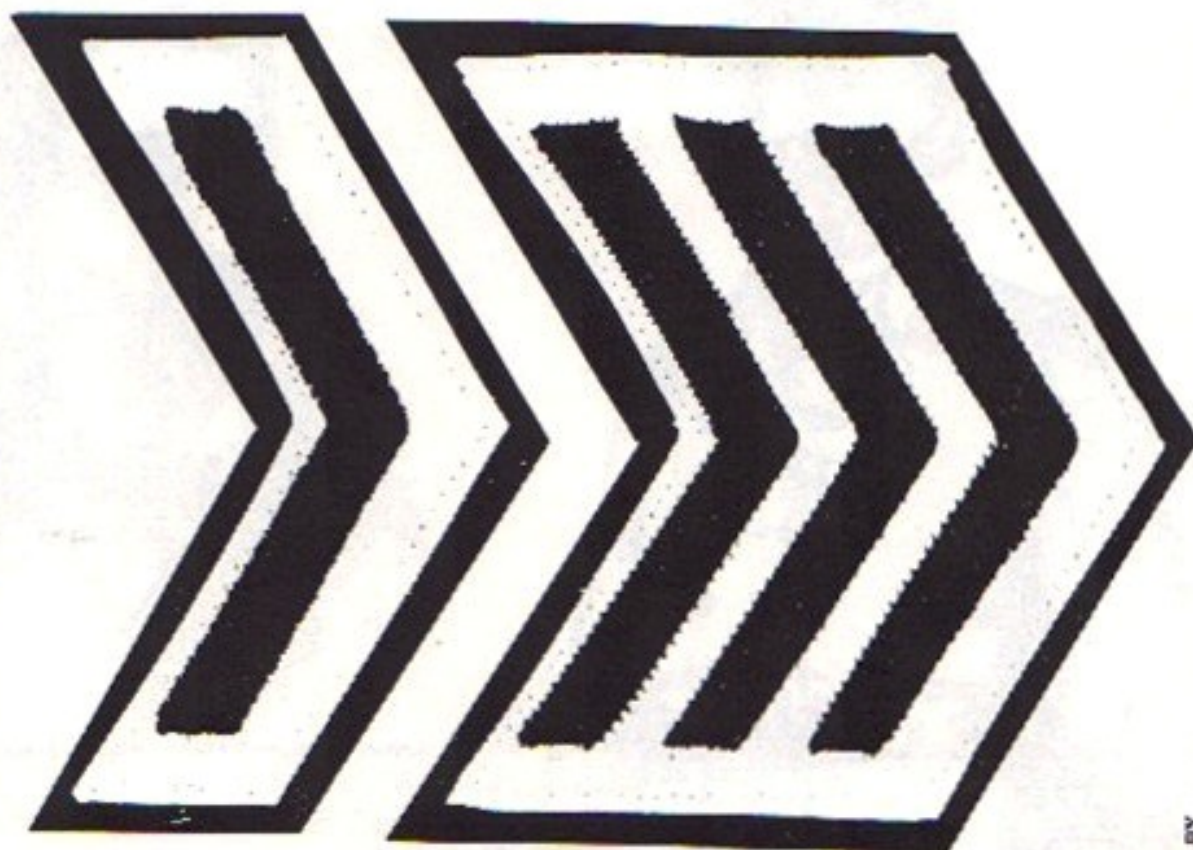
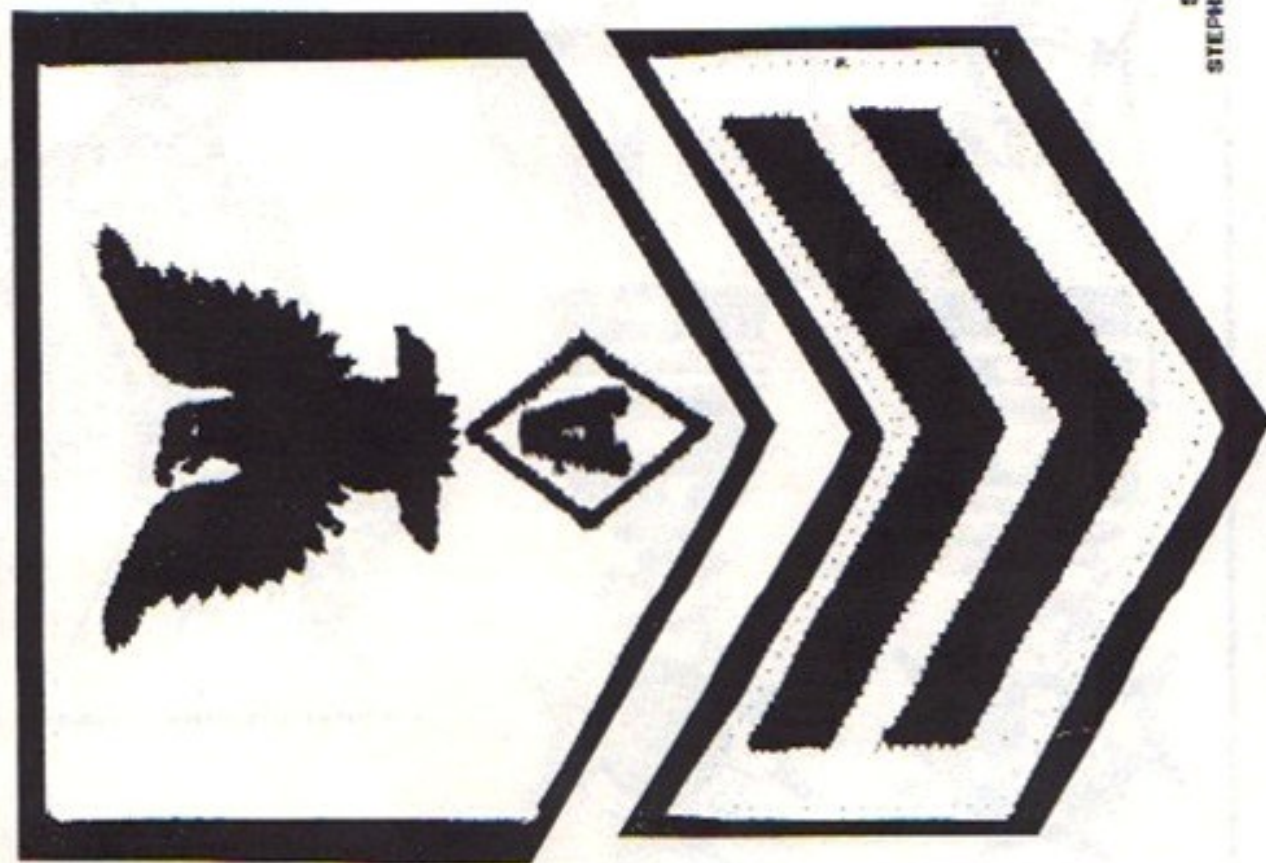
a. Bow of Steel.
b. Wooden Bulwark.
c. Pilot House.

THE "MERRIMACK."

d. Iron Under Water.
e. Propeller.

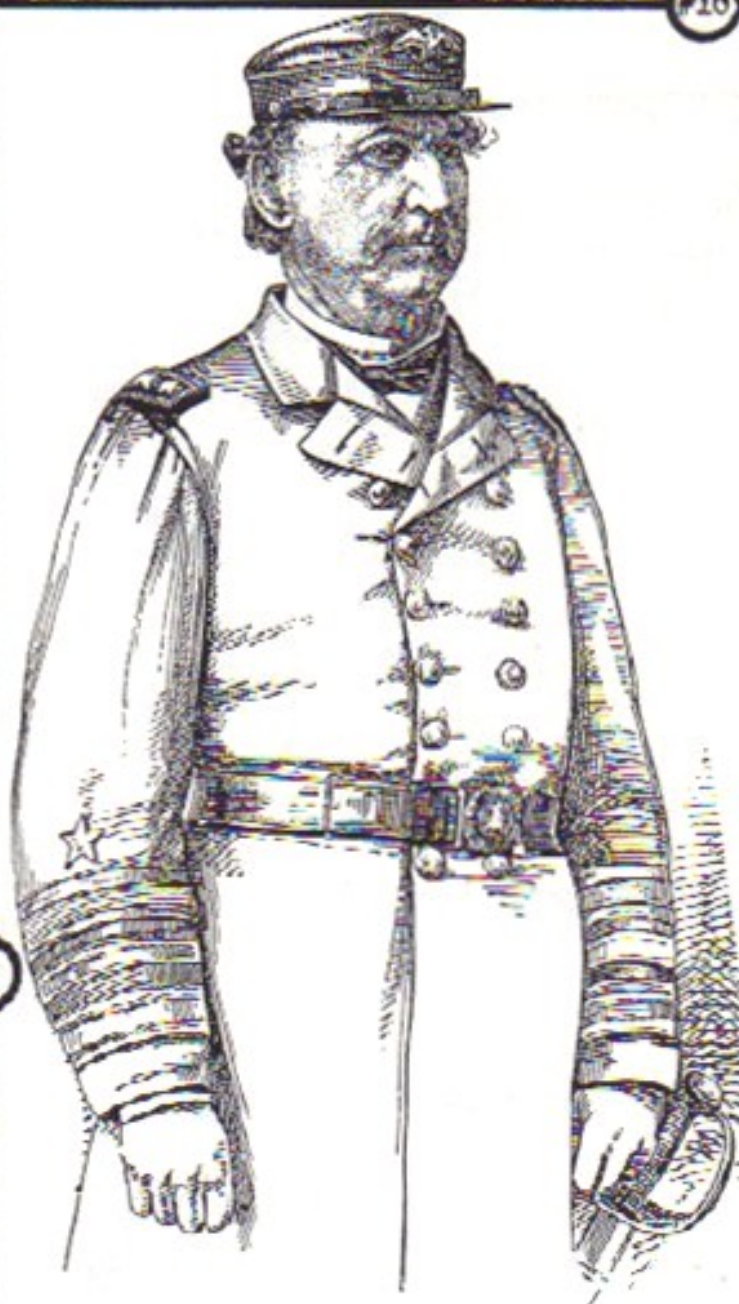
(FROM A SKETCH MADE THE DAY BEFORE THE FIGHT.)

FOR A SHORT PERIOD DURING THE POST WAR TRANSITION, THE NAVY TESTED A TWO PIECE RATING BADGE, SEPARATING THE CHEVRONS ON ONE PIECE FROM THE EAGLE AND MARK ON THE OTHER. THE IDEA WAS TO PERMIT GRADE OR RATING CHANGES WITHOUT REPLACING THE ENTIRE RATING BADGE. THE IDEA PROVED UNSATISFACTORY AND WAS ABANDONED.



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U.S. NAVY PETTY OFFICER DUNGAREE SHIRT IRON ON BADGE
THESE ARE CUT TO MAKE 3rd AND 2nd CLASS



INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLYING BADGE
DO NOT USE STEAM IRON

SET INDICATOR ON DRY IRON AT 350°F. OR "COTTON".
ALLOW IRON TO GET COMPLETELY HEATED. PRESS
WRINKLES OUT OF SLEEVE. POSITION BADGE ON SLEEVE
WITH GLOSSY SIDE DOWN. PRESS IRON DOWN HARD AND
MOVE ACROSS CENTER AND AROUND EDGES FOR A MINIMUM
OF 20 SECONDS. ALLOW TO COOL. IF ANY EDGE CURLS,
PRESS AREA AGAIN. TO PREVENT SCORCHING, PLACE A
PIECE OF HEAVY PAPER OR CLOTH BETWEEN IRON AND
BADGE WHEN PRESSING.

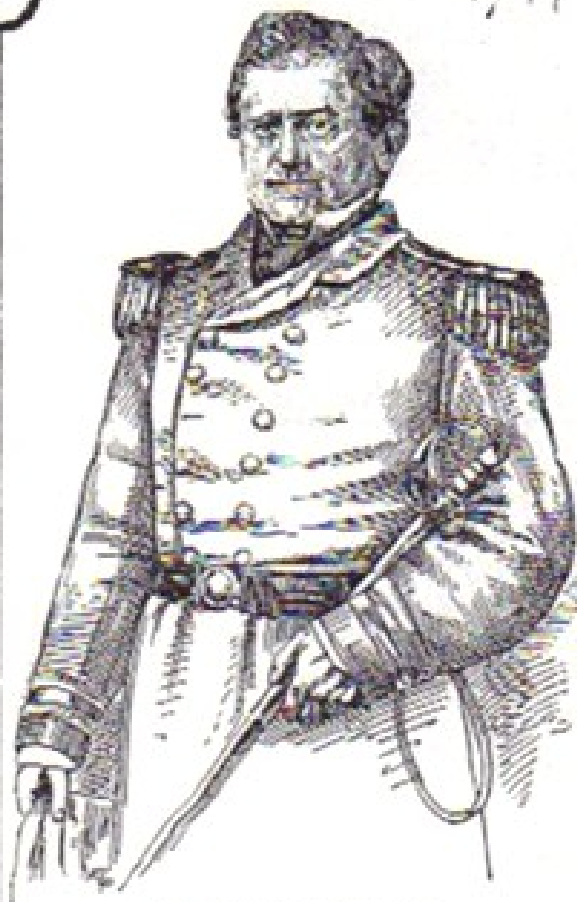
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AVIATION STOREKEEPER

3rd CLASS P.O. RATING FOR THE DUNGAREE SHIRT
WITH SK SPECIALTY MARK - NOTE FAR OUT CROW



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MORE FOREIGN MADE U.S. NAVY P.O. RATINGS



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SEA CADETS OF AMERICA ENLISTED RANK



WHITE ON BLACK

TITLE GOLD-YELLOW THREAD



NAVY BLUE ON WHITE - TITLE GOLD-YELLOW THREAD



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REAR ADMIRAL A. H. FOOTE.

No. 190.
Marine Coat.No. 191.
Marine Jacket.No. 195.
Revenue Coat.No. 196.
Revenue Jacket.SURGEON NINIAN PISKET, FLEET SURGEON, MISSISSIPPI
SQUADRON.

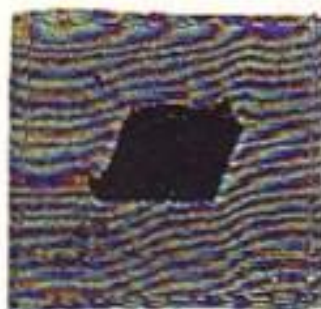
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U.S. NAVY WAVE SPECIALTY MARKS

WORN AS STRIKER MARKS ABOVE THE NON RATED DIAGONAL STRIPES



AVIATION STRUCTURAL
MECHANIC WHITE ON
DARK BLUE MELTON
FOR COAT



PRINTER
ON LIGHT BLUE
COTTON FOR SHIRT



AVIATION MACHINIST'S MATE
WHITE ON DARK BLUE
COTTON FOR SHIRT



AEROGRAPHER'S MATE
BLUE ON WHITE
COTTON FOR SHIRT



DATA PROCESSING TECHNICIAN
WHITE ON DARK BLUE
GABARDINE FOR COAT



PERSONNELMAN
WHITE ON DARK BLUE
GABARDINE FOR COAT



CRYPTOLOGIC TECHNICIAN
WHITE ON DARK BLUE
GABARDINE FOR COAT



YEOMAN
WHITE ON DARK BLUE
GABARDINE FOR COAT

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U.S. NAVY WAVE DISTINGUISHING MARKS

NAVY E FOR EXCELLENCE
DISTINGUISHING MARK



DIVER 1st CLASS
NO NUMBER IN
BREAST PLATE
USED 1943 ONLY



COMMODORE SILAS H. STRINGHAM, U. S. N.
(UPPER WAIST VIEW - FRONTAL.)



No. 185.
Navy Coat.



No. 186.
Navy Jacket.



REAR-ADMIRAL JAMES K. JOUETT.
(FROM A PHOTOGRAPH TAKEN IN 1883.)



REAR-ADMIRAL HENRY K. THATCHER.



THE "MONITOR" IN BATTLE VIEW.

Admiral
David Dixon Porter



When General U.S. Grant assumed the Presidency in 1869, he appointed Adolph F. Borie Secretary of the Navy. There appears to have been a definite agreement that Vice Admiral Porter was to be in fact the guiding hand of the Navy. An order issued by Secretary Borie on March 12, 1869, directed that "all matters relating to the navy coming under the cognizance of the different bureaus be submitted to Admiral Porter before being transmitted to the Secretary of the Navy."

Admiral Porter wore sleeve insignia consisting of two strips of 2-in. lace with a 1-inch strip between them, and the standard star of the Line was prescribed. Admiral of the Navy George Dewey also wore this on his sleeves, as did Admiral David G. Farragut, but replaced this with one twice as large that bore the likeness of the U.S.S. Hartford in the center of the star to commemorate his flagship at Mobile Bay.

UNITED STATES NAVY

1862 SEAMAN'S BLUE
CLOTH JACKET

UNITED STATES NAVY

1864 OFFICERS'
SHELL JACKET
(COMMANDER)

SLEEVE LACE (Part I)

Shown below reduced 50% is sleeve lace for United States Navy officers. Introduced in 1852, Flag Officers and Captains were directed to wear three $3/4$ " wide & spaced $1/4$ " between strips, 2" from edge of cuff. In 1862 the rank Rear Admiral and commodore were created. Rear Admiral (Farragut) wore three $3/4$ " strips with three $1/4$ " strips between them and above the 1st strip, each spaced $1/4$ " apart and an inch from edge of cuff. Seven more illustrations of flag rank lace will be described.

1852 (Flag Officer)



1862 (Rear Admiral)



SLEEVE LACE (Part II)

In 1863 sleeve lace for naval officers was reduced to one-quarter inch lace strips of gold, each spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch apart except for the center which was $\frac{1}{2}$ " spaced as well as the upper and lower strips as shown here for Rear Admiral Farragut and the bottom one was two inches from the edge of the cuff with a one-inch diameter star spaced $\frac{1}{4}$ inch from top strip. In 1865, Farragut was promoted to Vice Admiral and given a 2" strip of lace that was 1" from bottom of the cuff and two 1" strips spaced $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the 2" strip with a 1" dia. that $\frac{1}{2}$ " above the top 1" lace strip. As the reader can see, not less than four different patterns of lace were used for flag officers in the war from 1861 to 1865.

1863 (Rear Admiral)



1865 (Vice Admiral)



CAPTAIN JOHN ERICSSON, INVENTOR OF THE "MONITOR."



COMMODORE A. B. SWAINS, U. S. N.

SLEEVE LACE (Part III)

The year after the War Between the States, Farragut was promoted to full Admiral. He was given his own special star which was 2" in diameter and had a white 1" disc on the gold bullion embroidered star while others wore a 1" dia. gold star. In the center was the image of his ship, the U.S.S. Hartford $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the top 2" strip & and a second one underneath that was 1" in width with a 2" strip under the center strip 1" from the edge of the cuff, all spaced $\frac{1}{8}$ " apart.

In 1869 they gave admirals a special dress uniform with gold bullion oakleaves and acorns. Other admirals used the 1" dia. star while Farragut used the 2" star with the flag ship at the Battle of Mobile Bay (Alabama). Rear Admirals had one row of leaves while Vice Admirals wore two rows and full Admiral, later Porter, had three rows. There were four small brass buttons as shown here as well, as were used on the 1852 to 1862 Flag Officers and Captains.

1866 (Admiral)



1869 (Admiral) Dress

RANK STRAPS (1830 - 1899)

Shown below is a $\frac{3}{8}$ " X 4" rank strap that had a dark-blue background with gold frame border for: Master (1852); Assistant Paymaster (1852); & Asst. Paymaster (1864). A



shoulder board replaced these in the year 1899. In 1869 Paymasters had a white cloth between the lace which they wore on their sleeves. It isn't if the rank straps had white also as a background colour, though they do on the early shoulder boards in '99. Master became Lieutenant, J.G. after 1883.

SLEEVE LACE (Part IV)

After the special dress uniform oakleaves and acorns were issued admirals, the Navy gave Admiral Farragut new sleeve lace that year for his service uniform, in 1869. He had 2" from the edge of the cuff a 2" strip of lace with three $\frac{1}{2}$ " strips separated $\frac{1}{4}$ " inch apart with his special 2" star $\frac{1}{4}$ " above the top strip.

In 1899 the United States Congress made Commodore George Dewey a Rear Admiral, then later that year they created the rank of Admiral of the Navy for him. The lace used was like that of Admiral Farragut except the spacing was $\frac{1}{4}$ " and not $\frac{1}{2}$ " apart as they had issued Farragut and the bottom strip was 2" above the edge of the cuff and there was the regulation 1" diameter star instead of Farragut's 2" diameter star.

1869 (Admiral)



1899 (Admiral of the Navy)



COMMANDER J. NEWLAND MAHAFFIE, U. S. N.



COMMANDER (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) GEORGE H. COOPER.

UNIFORM REGULATION OF 1830

Medical officers were given collars with gold bullion embroidered live-oak leaves and acorns on the borders of the collar with the **STAFF OF ESCULAPIUS** directly underneath as shown below actual size in bottom illustration. Purser's also had a border of live-oak leaves and acorns, but with a **CORNUCOPIA** in place of Staff of Esculapius insignia. The Regulations for the Uniform and Dress of the Navy of the United States, 1871, changed this arrangement. The live-oak leaves and acorns borders were retained for Medical officers and Purser's, and Purser's substituted their cornucopias for a row of leaves and acorns.

For those interested in having these made overseas in India or Pakistan for re-embroidery purposes, you can create your own from this artwork which is same size, or close to same size of actual insignia. Write to me if you have a need for addresses to have these made and I shall send it to you upon request!

Sarge Booker, graphic artist

SURGEON



PURSER





REAR ADMIRAL LOUIS M. GOLDSBOROUGH.



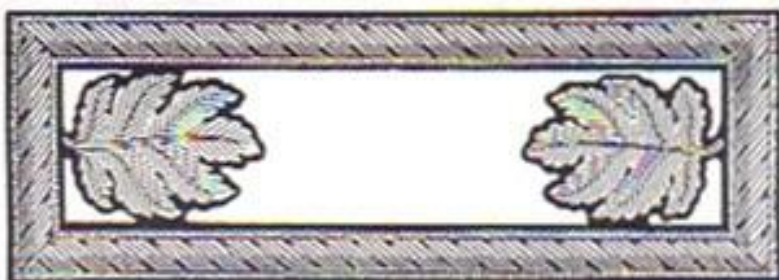
COMMANDER (AFTERWARDS CAPTAIN) J. F. BANKHEAD.

COMMANDER (NOW REAR ADMIRAL) CHARLES F. BOGGS,
OF THE "VANUXA."

ENSIGN THROUGH COMMODORE 1854-1866

RANK STRAPS (1830 - 1899)

Surgeons of over 5 years wore silver oakleaves; under 5 years wore gold. These were used from 1864-1866. The background was dark-blue cloth, with gold frame borders as shown here.



U.S.C.G. COASTAL FORCESMAN

United States Coast Guardsmen in this rating trained with Marines for beach defense.

**CHUCK SASS
279 LAPALA ROAD
KINGSTON, NY
12401**

Chuck is our newest reader and already he has sent us xeroxes of rates and jacket patches. A warm welcome to Chuck.

As you can see to your right a rate on a white background has a black piece of paper that he used to accent this that would of otherwise we might not see! White gets lost on white, but you can remedy this as he did.

Sarge

**U.S.C.G. JACKET PATCH**

On the left is a jacket patch for the United States Coast Guard's Reserve Assistance Team (R.A.T.), a Construction Battalion (C.B.) type of unit that will go in and do needed work to a building that a regular unit does not have the time or expertise to handle.





REAR-ADMIRAL CHAS. H. DAVIS.



COMMANDER (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) EDMUND R. COLBURN.



LIEUTENANT-COMMANDER (NOW COMMODORE) D. L. BRAINE,
COMMANDER U. S. S. "FRODO"



COMMANDER WILLIAM D. PORTER,
(AFTERWARDS COMMODORE U. S. NAVY.)



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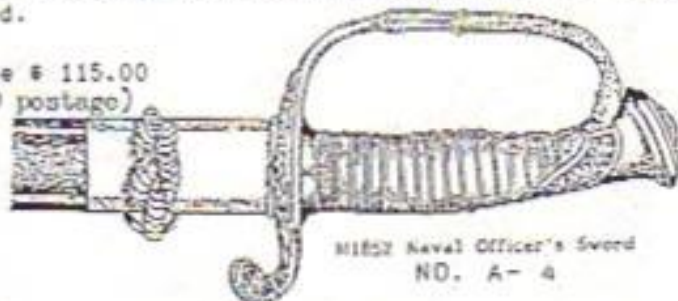
M 1852 NAVAL OFFICERS SWORD

This sword was issued to the officers of the US Navy in 1852. The sword has brass guard with the letters USN & possel cap has an American Eagle with thirteen stars. The grip is wood covered with fine leather. The blade of this sword is etched on both sides. The scabbard is leather with heavy brass mountings which are the speciality of this sword.

Price \$ 115.00

(\$17.50 postage)

1 1/2 kg.

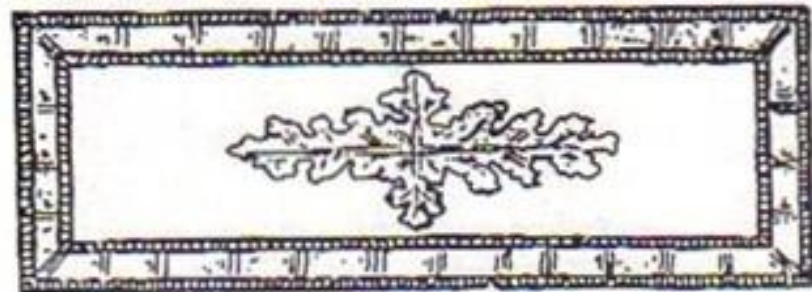


M1852 Naval Officer's Sword
NO. A-4



COMMANDER (NOW ADMIRAL) DAVID D. PORTER.

CHIEF ENGINEER, 1861-62



ENGINEER



LIEUTENANT COMMANDER (NOW COMMODORE) GEORGE E. BELKNAP, EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE "IRONSIDER"

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UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE
QUARANTINE SERVICE TRAINEE GS9

A 3/16" WOOL MAROON UNDERLAY EXTENDING
ABOVE THE 3/8" GOLD BRAID STRIPE.

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CHIEF ENGINEER, FULL DRESS COLLAR

Wreath and wheel of gold, with a silver anchor on navy blue cloth background.



ENGINEER (1852-1861) COLLAR



WW-II U.S. NAVY BAND



U.S. COAST GUARD AUXILIARY

Curved board with service blue back
Silver shield and stripes.
Red "A" in the shield



WW-II U.S. NAVY NURSE CORP

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SAILMAKER'S MATE 1st CLASS

White back
Blue eagle and mark
Red felt applied stripes



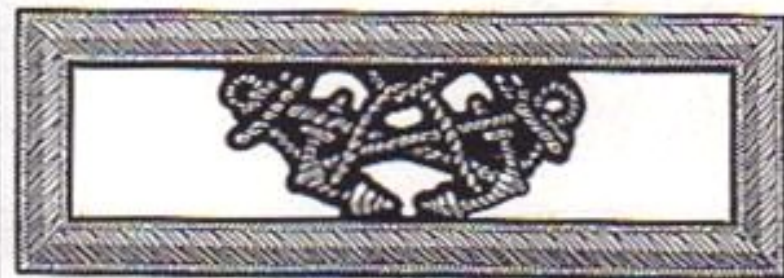
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Flag Officer (U.S. Navy, 1852 - 1862)



Captain



Commander



COMMANDER (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) MELANCTON SMITH,
OF THE "MISSISSIPPI"

UNKNOWN?

Hard flat board with pre-41 button
Letters "AJN-MS" on the top bar of anchor
Word "PREPAREDNESS" on anchor flutes



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CAPTAIN (AFTERWARDS REAR-ADMIRAL) THOMAS TURNER.



Lieutenant (above) 1852-1862
Chief Engineer (below) 1852-1861



CAPTAIN (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) J. F. GREEN.



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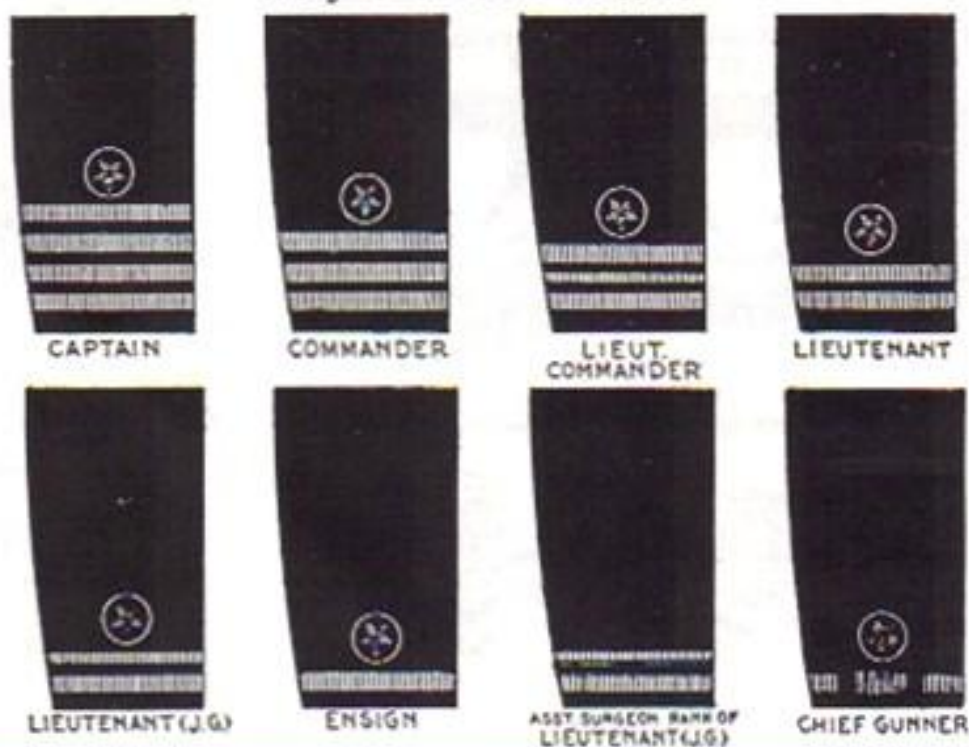
PLATE XXI

UNITED STATES NAVAL MILITIA

Shoulder Straps



Insignia of Rank on Cuffs



MISCELLANEOUS U.S. COAST GUARD INSIGNIA



TWO VARIATIONS OF THE USCG OFFICER
BULLION GARRISON CAP EAGLE



REVERSE TO SHOW
ORIGINAL WWII PRICE

METAL CAP INSIGNIA MOUNTED ON BLACK
MOHAIR BAND FOR USE ON BILLED CAP



GARRISON CAP



USCG FLIGHT SURGEON
QUALIFICATION WING

CLOTH SEW ON PETTY OFFICER COLLAR DEVICES
SILVER SHIELD - YELLOW CHEVRONS



OFFICER GARRISON CAP
METAL PIN BACK EAGLE

METAL COLLAR DEVICES ARE ALSO AUTHORIZED



U.S.C.G.

GILT CUT OUT METAL LETTERS
FOR USE ON THE BILLED CAP BY
OFFICERS' STEWARDS IN WWII

U.S.C.G. WO AND CWO SEW ON CORPS DEVICES

ALL ARE YELLOW GOLD THREAD ON NEW USCG BLUE



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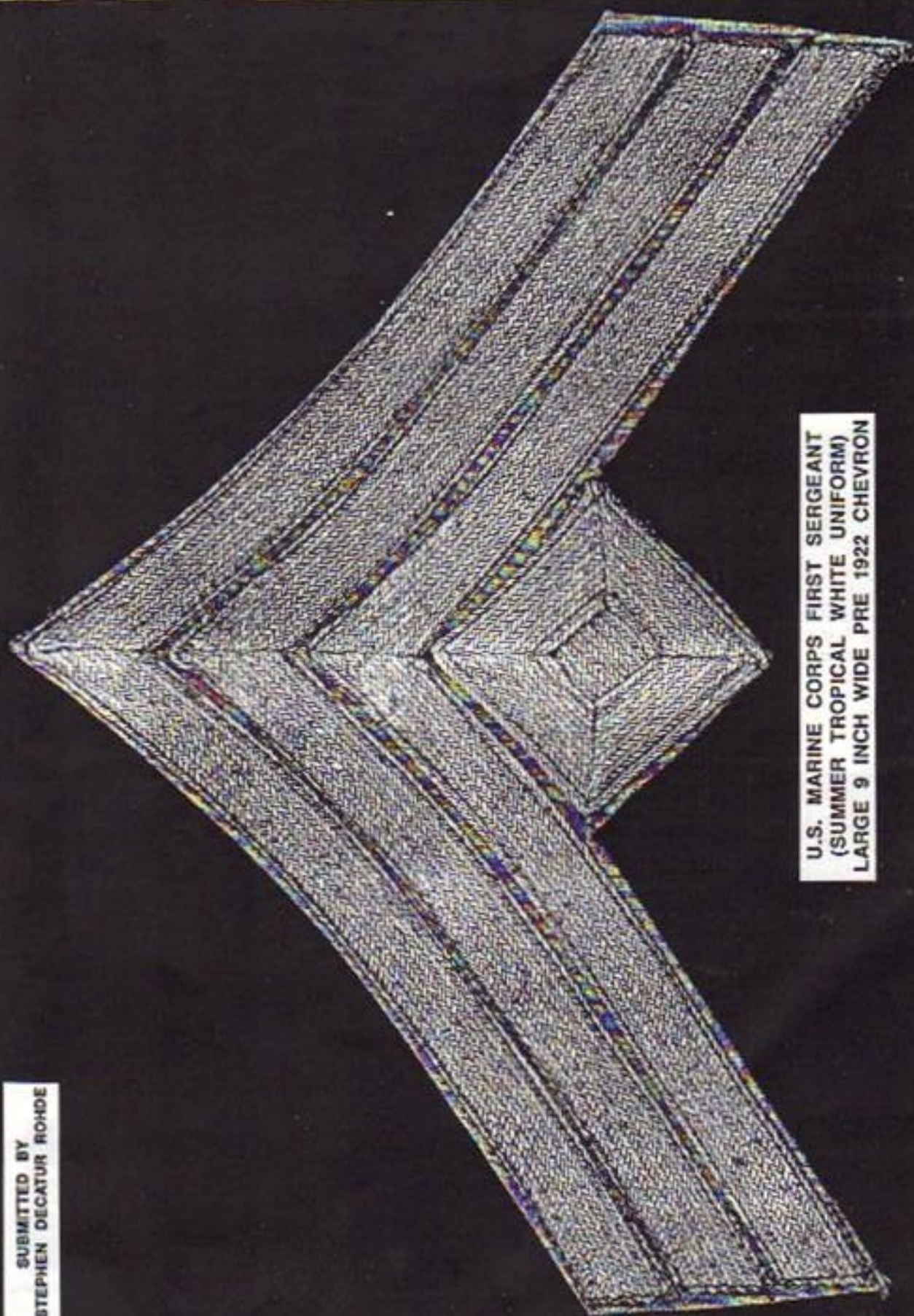


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NAVAL ENGINEERING

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U.S. MARINE CORPS FIRST SERGEANT
(SUMMER TROPICAL WHITE UNIFORM)
LARGE 9 INCH WIDE PRE 1922 CHEVRON

STARFLEET MARINE CORPS

Sergeant Major of a
Division. Scarlet
stripes, edged with
gold wire on black.
(Right arm rank as
seen here.)



LTC Rafi Y.A. Sharif
(Starfleet M.C.)
P.O. Box 29746
Baltimore - Maryland
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Gunnery Sergeant
(Left arm rank.)

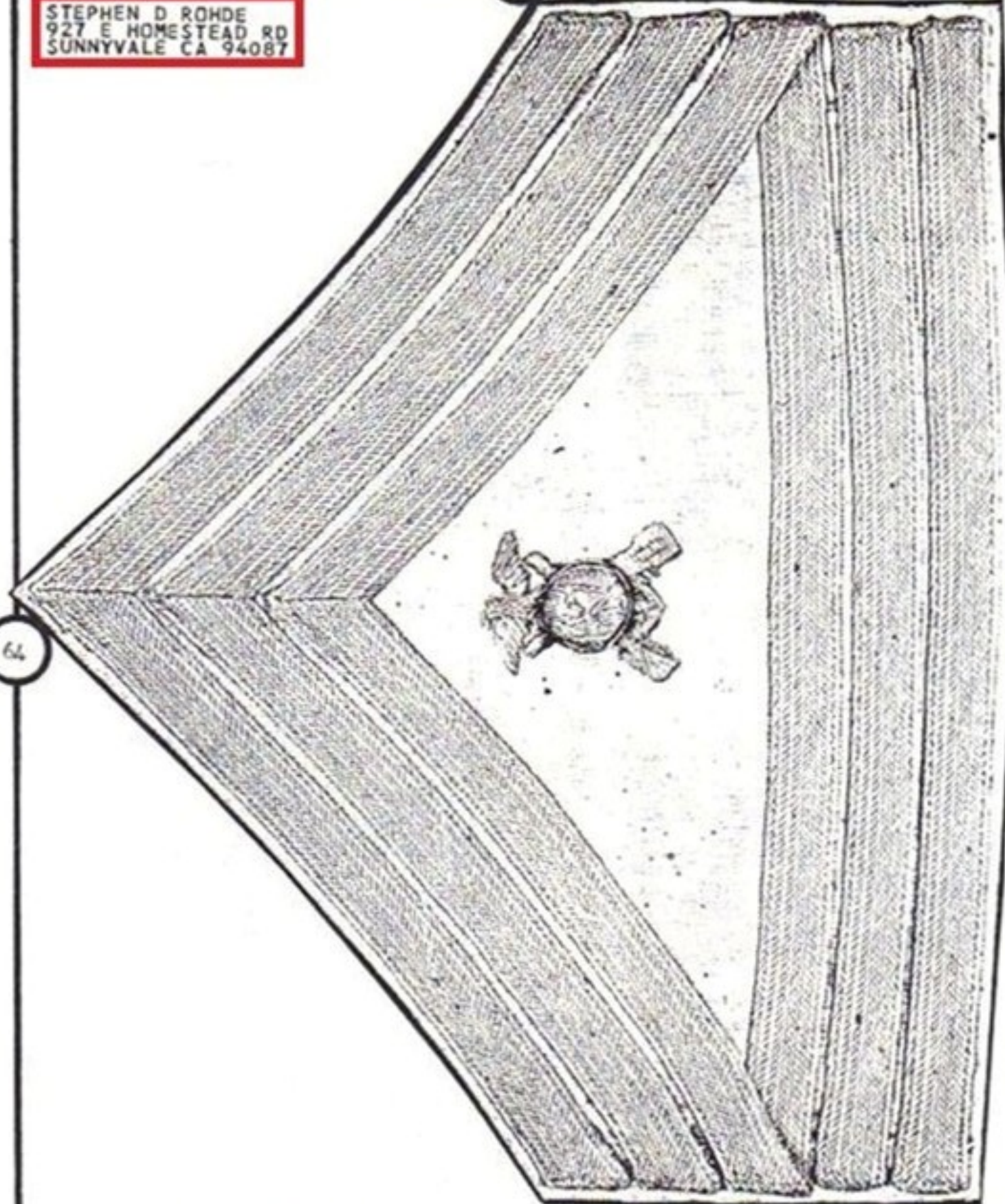


S.F.M.C.
RECON WINGS

Qualification
badge with gold
wings. WHO DARES
on red scroll, etc.

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U.S. MARINE GUNNERY SERGEANT

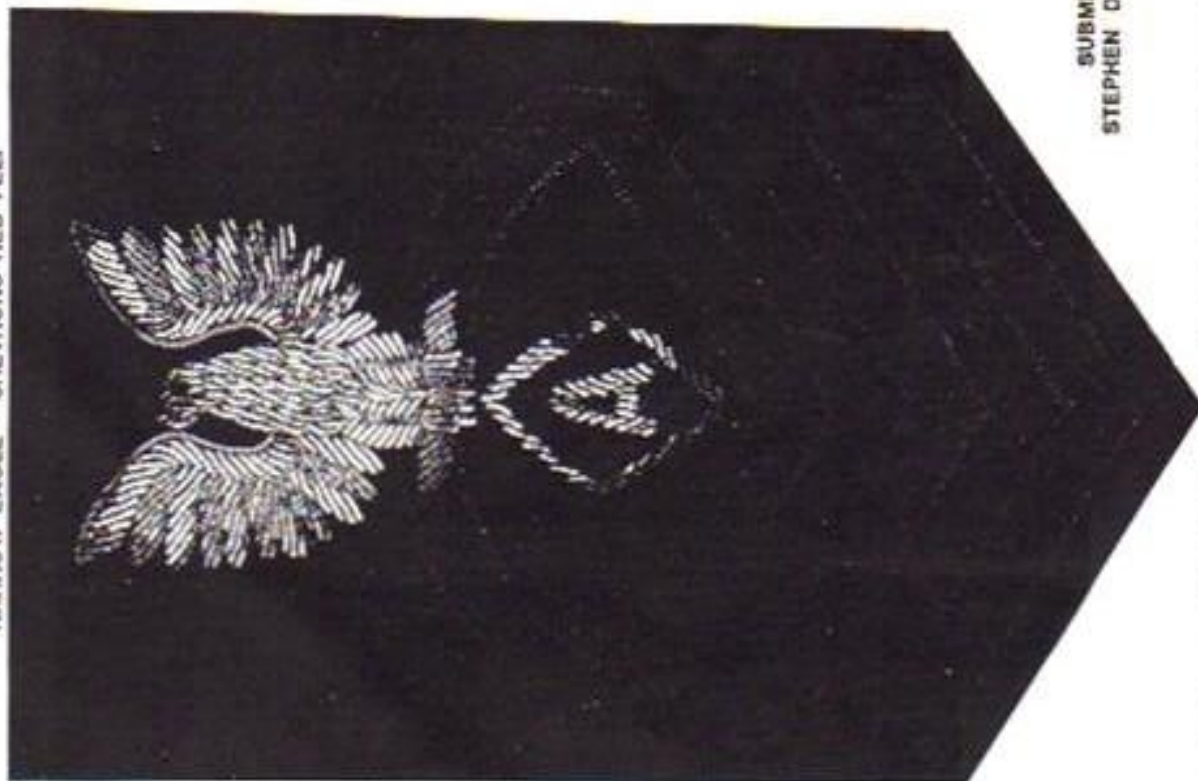
NOTE EAGLE, GLOBE, ANCHOR AND CROSSED RIFLES
CIRCA 1900 - 1904

SPECIALIST - EMERGENCY SERVICE RATINGS 1941 - 1974

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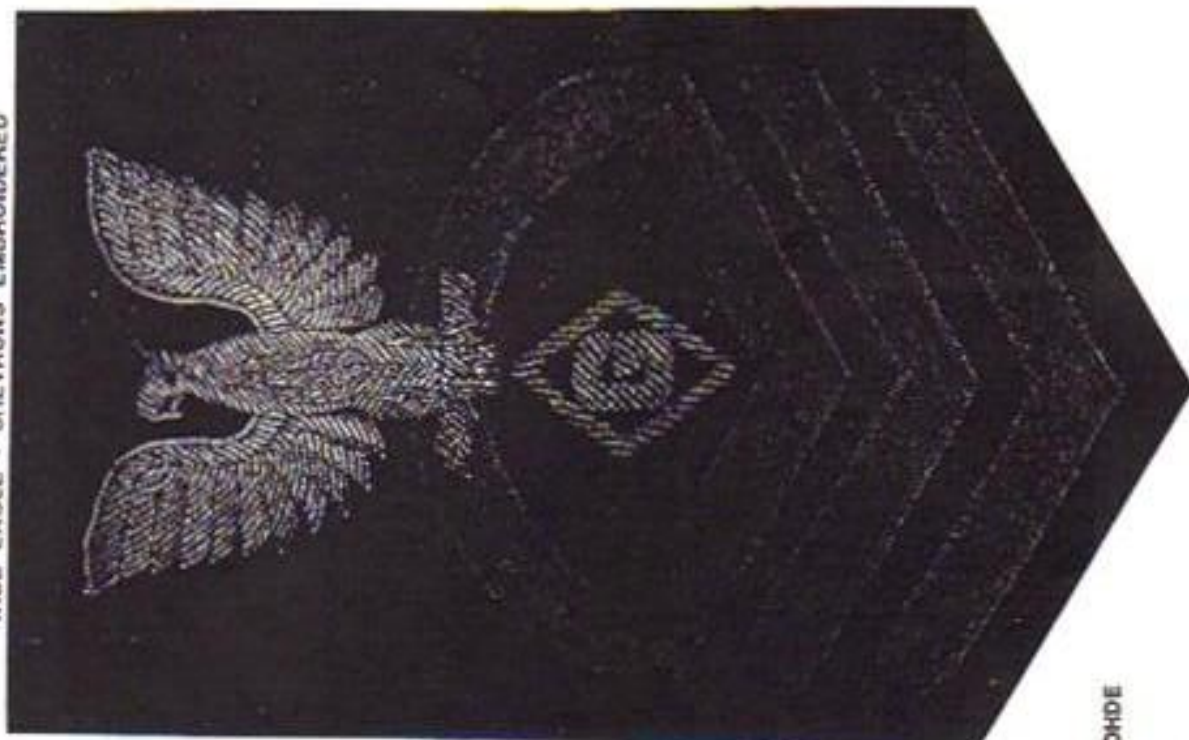
ATHLETIC INSTRUCTOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

NARROW EAGLE - CHEVRONS RED FELT



GUNNERY INSTRUCTOR CHIEF PETTY OFFICER

WIDE EAGLE - CHEVRONS EMBROIDERED



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CAPTAIN (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) THORNTON A. JENKINS.

CAPTAIN (NOW REAR-ADMIRAL) O. K. GLISSON,
COMMANDING THE U. S. S. "ANTILLO DE CUBA."THREE EXAMPLES OF THE IRON ON QUALIFICATION
BADGES FOR THE U.S. NAVY DUNGAREE SHIRT

ENLISTED SURFACE WARFARE

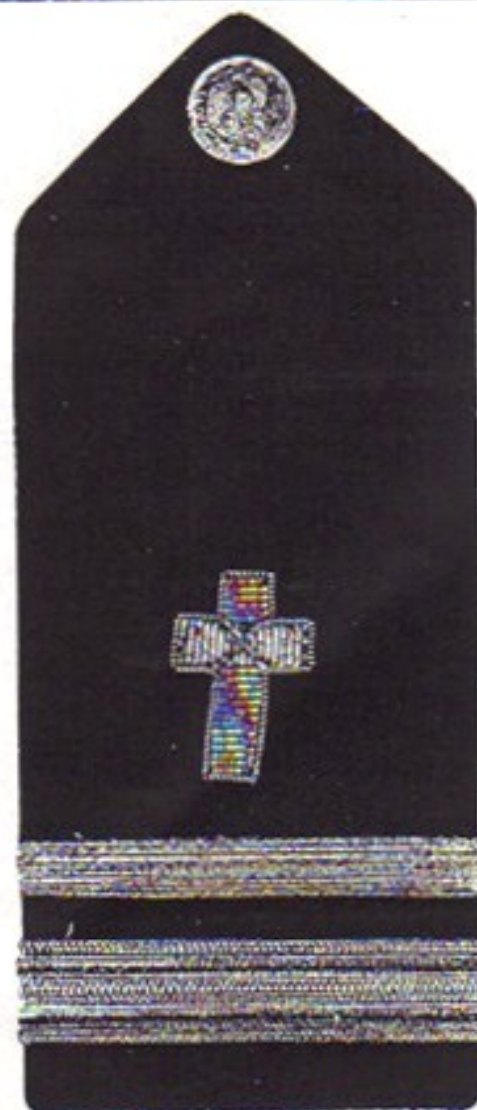


SUBMARINE QUALIFICATION



AIR WARFARE QUALIFICATION

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LT(JG) USN SHOULDER MARK
CHRISTIAN CHAPLAIN CORPS
PRE MAY 1941 EAGLE BUTTON

UNITED STATES NAVY

SECURITY BADGES

SHALL BE WORN ON THE LEFT BREAST IN A POSITION BELOW WHERE
THE RIBBONS WOULD NORMALLY BE WORN



GOLD



SILVER

SHIPBOARD MASTER AT ARMS BADGES

THESE ARE EXTREMELY HARD TO OBTAIN



GOLD & SILVER



GOLD & SILVER



SILVER

SHORE STATIONS - THREE DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS

UNIFORM REGULATIONS, 1978

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1862-1864, RANK STRAPS - U.S.N.

This was the second change for naval officers' rank straps in the United States Navy. Shown here are those for Commanders, Lieutenant Commanders, Lieutenants, Masters (known later as Lieut. Junior Grades), and Ensigns. Background was blue, with gold frames & silver anchors and gold bar/s and leaves except Commanders and up, they had silver rank insignia.

POST SCRIPT: Essentially rank straps for these ranks stayed the same until 1899 in lowest-grades except bars were silver.



Commander (silver leaves):: Lt.Cmdr. (gold leaves)



Lieutenant (2 gold bars & silver anchor)



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Master (gold bar on each end) 1862 - 1864



Ensign (plain w/o bar, w/silver anchor)



COMMANDER (NOW REAR ADMIRAL) JOHN C. HOWELL

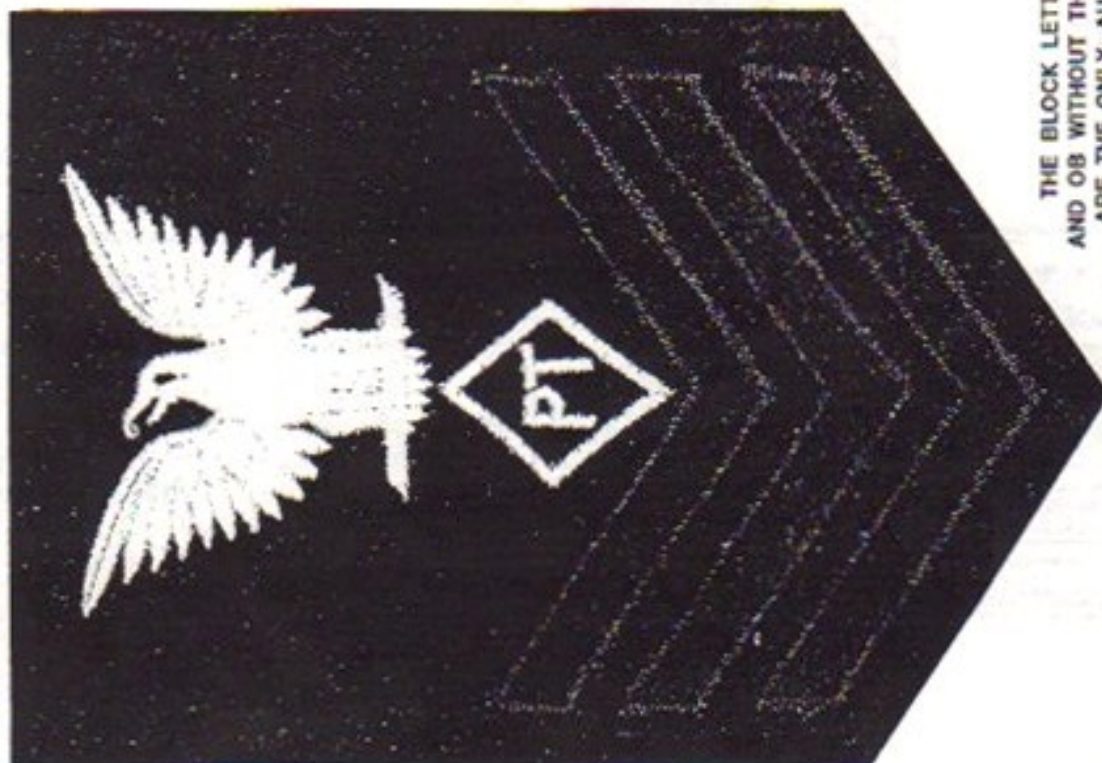


CAPTAIN CHARLES WILKES

UNAUTHORIZED PETTY OFFICER RATING BADGES OF WORLD WAR II

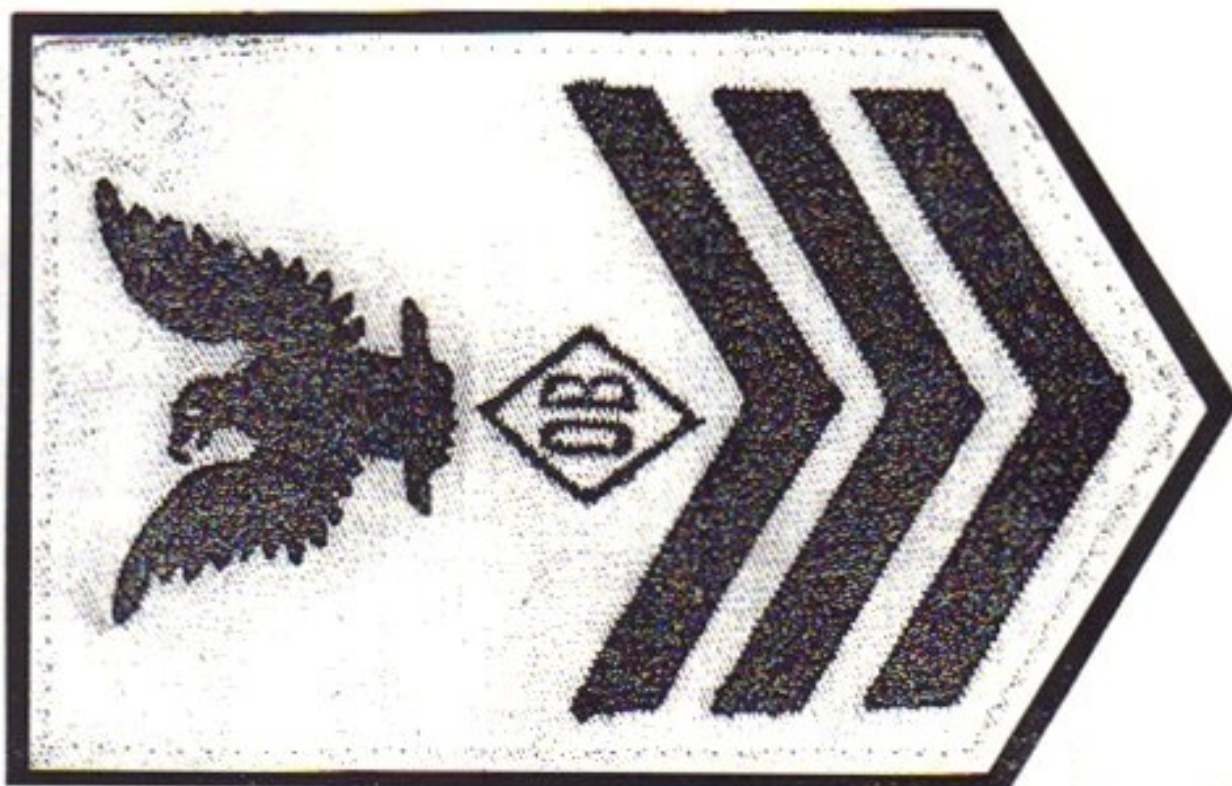
THE LETTERS PT AND OB IN THE UNAUTHORIZED DIAMOND CONFIGURATION
CAN ALSO BE FOUND AS DISTINGUISHING MARKS IN VARIOUS UNIFORM COLORS

PATROL TORPEDO BOAT PETTY OFFICER 1st CLASS



THE BLOCK LETTERS PT
AND OB WITHOUT THE DIAMOND
ARE THE ONLY AUTHORIZED
DISTINGUISHING MARKS

ORDNANCE BATTALION PETTY OFFICER 1ST CLASS



CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

SUPPLY CORPS DEVICE ABOVE TWO AND ONE HALF BARS (LCDR) WITH WHITE VELVET BETWEEN BARS. THIS IS A SLEEVE DEVICE, BUT FOR WHAT NAVY PROGRAM AS CORPS COLORS WERE ABOLISHED 16 NOVEMBER 1918?

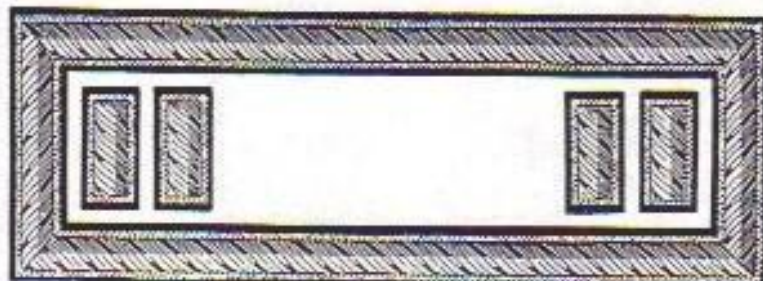


NURSE CORPS DEVICE ABOVE THREE BARS (CDR) - NO COLOR BACKING BETWEEN BARS. NURSE CORPS DEVICE WAS AUTHORIZED 16 APRIL 1947

CAN YOU IDENTIFY?

WHAT IS THE CORRECT TITLE OF THIS U.S.P.H.S. GILT 7/8 INCH CLUTCH BACK DEVICE?

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PASSED ASSISTANT SURGEON (2 bars)
ASSISTANT SURGEON (1 bar)

Rank straps for these officers in the Medical Department were similar to U.S. Army officers' rank straps in design, except background was blue. The U.S. Navy used these in 1864 until 1881 when the Navy had reverted to using "M.D." centered on them as in 1852 until 1861.

Bars were probably changed to silver in 1872? Information is very limited on this subject.

U.S. NAVY WWII CONSTRUCTION BATTALION RATINGS AND DMs

THE BLOCK LETTERS "CB" WERE AUTHORIZED FOR ENLISTEDMEN
BETWEEN 2 MAY AND 7 DEC 1942

OBVERSE AND REVERSE SHOWING EARLY FULLY EMBROIDERED CHEVRONS



CPO RATINGS REDUCED 22%

EMBROIDERED DEVICE FOR USE ON BLUE,
KHAKI, GRAY, AND AVIATION GREEN UNIFORMS

DISTINGUISHING MARKS WITH VARIATIONS IN THE LETTERS



HAPPY NEW YEAR 1994 TO OUR READERSHIP!

Issue #1 in 1992 started off with just six pages! Issue #2 was ten pages, then Issue #3 went to twelve pages. In 1993 Issue #4 grew to twenty pages, while Issue #5 shrank to but ten pages; had mid-term exams in college challenging me then! Issue #6 was sixteen pages and Issue #7 doubled in size from Issue #4 to forty pages. Issue #8 was the encyclopedia edition and was thirty-six pages insignia charts dating to 1919's Compton's Encyclopedia.

Issue #9 was also thirty-six pages, while this doubled to seventy-two pages and Issue #10 and the first for 1994! Issues #4 through #9 came out in 1993. Six issues! There was a total of one hundred and eighty-six pages until this issue and this brings the total number to two hundred and fifty-eight (258) pages of USN/USCG/USMC/USC&GS, & USPHS insignia, foreign and U.S., for officers & enlisted personnel.

We've had to add and subtract from our permanent mailing list of thirty readers. Some never replied even when we sent S.A.S.E. and some moved and left no addresses and forwarding instructions. Several never ever sent us any photocopies of their insignia and never provided us with feedback to know if they were satisfied or unsatisfied, and a few wrote occasionally and sometimes sent us photocopies while a few carried all the others sent large amounts of photocopies to carry those who sent little or none. Some even bought and mailed us large envelopes to mail their issues in and some even saved, and re-cycled their envelopes and mailed them back to be re-used!

There is still no subscriptions that require money payments and money will never be accepted as I personally feel naval/marine collectors are ripped off enough and are under-represented in mainstream publications! Back issues are **NOT FOR SALE!** because I print just thirty issues each issue, however, I been ask to drop those who have never send us any photocopies of their insignia and I do this reluctantly! Those who want back issues can write to Stephen Decatur Rohde or John C. Helvey and work out arrangements with them. Nothing is copyrighted and anyone may reprint these issues as they wish. This newsletter belongs to everyone and I apologise for sometimes putting the wrong name for credit when I make errors!



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